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26 April 2013

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Dear Ms. Johnstone,

**Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Norway with provisions of the Convention in connection to access to information and access to justice (ref. ACCC/C/2013/82)**

We refer to the communication which you submitted on 11 March 2013 for the consideration of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee. The communication has been registered under the symbol ACCC/C/2013/82.

At its fortieth meeting (25-28 March 2013), the Committee, considered the communication and its attachments. The Committee determined that the communication was manifestly unreasonable on the basis of paragraph 20 (c) of the annex to decision I/7.

Please do not hesitate to contact the secretariat if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Aphrodite Smagadi  
Secretary to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

Enc: datasheet of communication ACCC/C/2013/82

Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee

**DATASHEET**

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<b>Type of information</b>	COMMUNICATION
<b>Reference number</b>	ACCC/C/2013/82
<b>Submitted by</b>	Ms. Lara Johnstone PO Box 5042 George East 6539 South Africa  Email: "Lara" <jmcswan@mweb.co.za>
<b>Date of submission</b>	11 March 2013
<b>Party concerned</b>	Norway
<b>Articles concerned<sup>1</sup></b>	3(1), 4(1), 4(7), 5(1), 9(1) and 9(4)
<b>Text of the communication</b>	<i>Disclaimer: Presence of the text of the communication and other information submitted by the communicant and the Party concerned on this web site does not imply endorsement of their content by the Compliance Committee or by UNECE.</i>
<b>Summary of case<sup>2</sup></b>	The communication alleges that the Party concerned has failed to comply with the provisions of the Convention on access to information, because media editors did not provide information upon request (art. 4, paras. 1 and 7); and because the Bar Association did not collect and disseminate information (art. 3, para. 1 and art. 5, para. 1). The communication also alleges that the Party concerned failed to comply with the access to justice provisions of the Convention, because its complaints before the Environmental Appeals Board and the Parliamentary Ombudsman were not admissible and thus no remedy was available.
<b>Number of supporting documents</b>	9
<b>Original language</b>	English
<b>Translation</b>	Not needed
<b>Formal completeness</b>	Yes
<b>Confidentiality requested</b>	No
<b>Receipt acknowledged</b>	11 March 2013
<b>Date forwarded to CC</b>	11 March 2013
<b>Remarks by secretariat</b>	
<b>Determination on admissibility</b>	At CC-40 (25-28 March 2013) the Committee determined the communication inadmissible, as manifestly unreasonable (paragraph 20 (c) of the annex to decision I/7).
<b>Summary proceedings</b>	

<sup>1</sup> These are the provisions of the Convention cited in the communication. The Committee may determine that different provisions of the Convention are relevant.

<sup>2</sup> This summary has been prepared by the secretariat to describe the main points of the communication. It has no status as part of the communication.

<b>Additional information requested from the communicant</b>	
<b>Communication forwarded to the Party</b>	
<b>Additional information requested from or points raised with the Party</b>	
<b>Response due from the Party</b>	
<b>Delay for response requested</b>	
<b>Documentation from the Party</b>	
<b>Discussion is scheduled for</b>	
<b>Draft findings and recommendations</b>	
<b>Comments on draft findings and recommendations</b>	
<b>Findings and recommendations</b>	